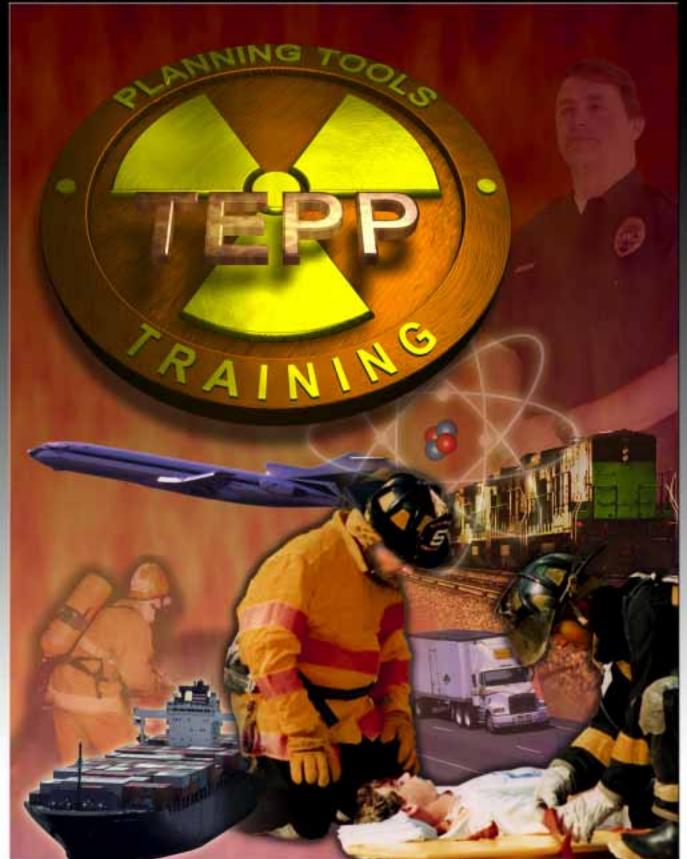
TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM



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Medical Terms and Laymen's Definitions

Following is a list of terms and laymen's definitions for words used in the messages that follow. Although all EMS personnel should be familiar with the terms, the list is included for the benefit Lead Observers who may need to know how to answer questions or describe medical scenes during Observer briefings, etc.

* The following medical terms have been oversimplified for the benefit of laymen, and may not be completely technically accurate.

ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

ALS - Advanced Life Support.

Apneic - not breathing.

Asystole - stopped heart indicated by an electrocardiogram flat line.

Auscultation - the act of listening to the heart, lungs, abdomen, etc. with the aid of a stethoscope.

Bradycardia - a heart rhythm characterized by less than 60 beats per minute.

Cheyne-

Stokes - a respiratory pattern characterized by cycles of deep, rapid and weak, slow breath-

ing, often seen in cases of heart failure or coma.

COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Cyanotic - a bluish tint to the skin, usually the result of reduced oxygen in the blood.

Decerebrate

Posture - a symptom of a serious head injury noted by the victim's hands extended away from

the body.

Decorticate

Posture - a symptom of a serious head injury noted by the victim's hands turned inward to-

ward the body.

Diaphoretic - sweaty.

Dyspnea - difficulty breathing.

Ecchymosis - bruising (black-and-blue or yellowish mark).

Edema - swelling.

Flail Chest - one or more ribs are broken in one or more places.

Hematoma - a pocket of blood that collects underneath the skin causing a bump or knot.

ECG Monitor- an EKG (electrocardiogram) machine.

Nares - nostrils.

Occipital

Region - the back of the head.

Palpation - by feel. In cases of very weak blood pressure, the upper value is sometimes deter-

mined "by palpation."





Paradoxical

Movement - a juxtaposition of the rib cage that occurs when someone with a flail chest (see Flail

Chest) breaths. During inhalation, the flail segment of the rib cage sinks inward, while

the other half expands outward, and vice versa during exhalation.

PERL - Pupils Equally Reactive to Light

PHTLS - Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support.

Plueral

Decompression- a method of relieving pressure on a lung(s) caused by a pocket air that collects in

the chest cavity and makes breathing difficult. The pressure is relieved by venting the

air pocket to the atmosphere with a needle.

Postictal - a state of unresponsiveness seen after grand mal seizures, typically evidenced by

vacant stares.

Rhonchus/

Rhonchi - a coarse fluid rattling sound, somewhat like snoring, heard during auscultation of the

chest that indicates a partial bronchial obstruction.

Sternal

Retraction - a symptom of serious respiratory distress noted by the sternum sinking inward dur-

ing respirations.

Adult

Tachycardia - a heart rate over 100 beats per minute.

Ventricular

Fibrillation - a chaotic electrical stimulation of the heart.





MILD ARM FRACTURE / MILD HEAD INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with a fractured arm and a mild head injury. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient complains of point tenderness with edema present at pain location on his left arm. Movement of the extremity is present. Distal pulses and sensation are present.

Patient also suffered a mild blow to the head. Small hematoma noted at impact site, with no deformity or loss of consciousness.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness: Respirations:	Alert/Oriented As Read	Alert/Oriented As Read	Alert/Oriented As Read	Alert/Oriented As Read
Pulse:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations





MODERATE ARM FRACTURE

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with a moderate fracture of either an arm or leg. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient complains of point tenderness with ecchymosis (bruising), edema (swelling) and deformity present at pain location. Patient presents with guarding of injured extremity. Distal pulses and sensation are present.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert
Respirations	22	20	18	18
Pulse	104	102	100	100
Skin	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure	150/941	44/88	140/80	140/80

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





ARM/LEG AMPUTATION

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with an amputation of either an arm or leg. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Amputation is jagged and bleeding is profuse and uncontrolled. Upon EMS arrival patient is lying down and his/her responses are sluggish.

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Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10 - End*	+10 - End**
Level of Consciousness: Respirations	Sluggish 24 Clear/equal	Sluggish 22 Clear/equal	Unresponsive 0
Pulse	156	120	0
Skin	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoreticr	Pale
Pupils	PERL	PERL	Fixed/dilated
Blood Pressure	80/60	80/60	0/0

NOTES:

- * If treated by +10 minutes, use these vital signs. Advanced Life Support Protocol should be followed (i.e., bleeding control, IV, oxygen, and mast trousers used).
- ** If untreated by +10 minutes, use these vital signs. Patient dies.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



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MILD CHEST INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who was struck in the chest with a blunt object. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of pain on inspiration. Breath sounds are clear and equal bilaterally. No deformity noted to chest wall. Ecchymosis noted at impact area.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented
Respirations:	22 shallow	24 shallow	18 shallow	18 shallow
Pulse:	108	106	98	88
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	146/94	142/92	134/88	132/86

Note:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse rate.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MODERATE CHEST INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who was struck in the chest with a blunt object. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of pain at impact location and dyspnea. Breath sounds are clear and equal bilaterally. Deformity noted with paradoxical movement at impact site. Breath sounds are decreased on affected side unless splinting has been accomplished.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented
Respirations	26 shallow	24 shallow	22 shallow	20 shallow
Pulse	112	110	98	94
Skin	mildly diaphoretic	mildly diaphoretic	mildly diaphoretic	mildly diaphoretic
Pupils	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure 138/	94	136/92	134/90	134/88

Note:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse rate.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE CHEST INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who received a massive blow to the chest area. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Flail chest segment noted. Distended neck veins present. Breath sounds absent on affected side. Breath sounds will remain absent until plueral decompression is accomplished.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Resp. to painful stimuli	Responds to painful stimuli	Responds to verbal stimuli	Responds to verbal stimuli
Respirations	36	34	24	18
Pulse	124	130	108	96
Skin	cyanotic/diaphoretic	cyanotic/diaphoretic	improving	improving
Pupils	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure	98/60	100/64	110/70	114/74

Note:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse rate. If decompression has not been accomplished, patient vital signs will remain at the +0 minutes level.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



MILD HEAD INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who received a mild blow to the head. Do not provide

this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Small hematoma noted at impact site. No deformity or loss of consciousness.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert/oriented	Alert/oriented	Alert/oriented	Alert/oriented
Respirations:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Pulse:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MODERATE HEAD INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has been struck on the occipital region of the skull.

Do not provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Hematoma noted with +-inch laceration. Bleeding has been controlled. No deformity noted. Loss of consciousness for approximately 45 seconds.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Confused	Confused	Confused	Confused
Respirations:	18	16	20	14
Pulse:	102	104	98	90
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	130/84	128/80	130/86	132/84

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE HEAD INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has suffered a severe blow to the head. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Deformity noted at impact site. Decorticate posturing noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	No response	No response	No response	No response
Respirations: Pulse:	Cheyne-Stokes 64	Cheyne-Stokes 58	Cheyne-Stokes 54	Cheyne-Stokes 52
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic
Pupils: Blood Pressure:	unequal/left dilated 160/96	unequal/left dilated 168/100	unequal/left dilated 176/102	unequal/left dilated 180/102

Note:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD NECK INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has been struck from behind in an automobile. Do

not provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of pain to left lateral area of neck. No deformity or edema noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert
Respirations:	16	18	14	16
Pulse:	98	88	86	86
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	148/92	144/88	138/86	138/90

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MODERATE NECK INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has suffered trauma to the neck. Do not provide this

data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of numbness and tingling in arms. No deformity or edema noted, and all extremities have movement.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of onsciousness:	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert
Respirations:	24	20	18	16
Pulse:	110	104	100	96
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	132/88	130/86	134/84	130/88

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE NECK INJURY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has suffered major trauma to the neck. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

No deformity or edema noted. Patient has non-purposeful movement of upper and lower extremities. No sensation to lower extremities.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert
Respirations:	18	16	18	14
Pulse:	60	62	58	60
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	88/40	86/42	84/40	80/40

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





FIRST DEGREE BURNS

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with first degree burns. Do not provide this data to

players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient has first degree burns bilaterally on the upper extremities. Burned places are red and tender. There are no complaints of respiratory distress, and no singeing of the nares noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert
Respirations:	18/clear & equal bilaterally	18/clear & equal bilaterally	18/clear & equal bilaterally	18/clear & equal bilaterally
Pulse:	As read	As read	As read	As read
Skin:	Burns red; unburned skin is normal			
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	As read	As read	As read	As read

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



SECOND DEGREE BURNS

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with a second degree burns. Do not provide this data to

players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient has second degree burns bilaterally on the upper extremities. Burned places are red and blistered. There are no complaints of respiratory distress, and no singeing of the nares noted.

Minutes afte EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness: Respirations:	Conscious/Alert 18/clear & equal bilaterally	Conscious/Alert 18/clear & equal bilaterally	Conscious/Alert 18/clear & equal bilaterally	Conscious/Alert 18/clear & equal bilaterally
Pulse:	120	120	115	115
Skin:	Burns red/blistered; unburned skin is normal			
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	130/70	130/70	130/70	130/70

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations





THIRD DEGREE BURNS

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with a third degree burns. Do not provide this data to

players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient has third degree burns to the neck and bilaterally on the upper extremities. There are no complaints of respiratory distress, and no singeing of the nares noted.

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Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/ Alert	Conscious/ Alert	Conscious/ Alert	*Confused /Disoriented
Respirations:	18/clear & equal bilaterally	22/clear & equal bilaterally	*22/clear & equal bilaterally	*24/clear & equal bilaterally
Pulse:	128	128	*138	*120
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic; burns are black an charred with waxy edges	Pale/diaphoretic; d burns are black and charred with waxy edges	Pale/diaphoretic; I burns are black and charred with waxy edges	Pale/diaphoretic; burns are black and charred with waxy edges
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	110/72	94/68	90/60	80/by paltation

Note:

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



^{*} Issue this data only if appropriate care has **NOT** been administered. Once the patient has been given proper treatment, revert to the +0 data.

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HEAT EXHAUSTION

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient experiencing heat exhaustion. Do not provide this data

to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of nausea, dizziness and weakness.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/ Alert	Conscious/ Alert	Conscious/ Alert	Conscious/ Alert
Respirations:	22	22	*18	*18
Pulse:	20	122	*110	*102
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	*Returning to normal	*Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	120/90	120/92	*126/84	*130/80

Note:

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



^{*} Issue this data only **if** appropriate care has been administered. If the patient has not been given proper treatment (i.e., hydrated/cooled off), revert to the +10 data.



MILD HYPOTHERMIA

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient experiencing mild hypothermia. Do not provide this

data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is shivering.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness: Respirations:	Conscious/ Alert 18	Conscious/ Alert 18	Conscious/ Alert 18	Conscious/ Alert 18
Pulse:	110	110	110	110
Skin:	Shivering/ chill bumps	Shivering / chill bumps	Shivering chill bumps	Returning to normal*
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read

Note:

*If patient is warmed, shivering will begin to subside by +30. If not, shivering will continue.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations



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MODERATE HYPOTHERMIA

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient experiencing moderate hypothermia. Do not provide

this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is shivering.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Slow to respond to verbal	Slow to respond to verbal	Slow to respond to verbal	Conscious/ Alert*
Respirations:	18	18	18	18
Pulse:	62	62	70	85
Skin:	Pale	Pale	Pale	Shivering*
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	106/74	106/74	106/74	106/74

Note:

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



^{*}If patient is warmed, shivering will begin to subside by +30. If not, shivering will continue.



SEVERE HYPOTHERMIA

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient experiencing severe hypothermia. Do not provide this

data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is lying still.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	No response to verbal/responds to painful	No response to verbal/responds to painful	No response to verbal/responds to painful	Slow response to verbal*
Respirations:	6	6	15	40
Pulse:	42, weak/carotid	42, weak/carotid	50, weak/carotid	60
Skin: Pupils:	Pale PERL	Pale PERL	Pale PERL	Shivering* PERL
Blood Pressure:	106/74	106/74	106/74	106/74

Note:

*If patient is warmed, vitals will improve by +30, as shown. If care not given, use +50 vitals.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





FROST BITE

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient experiencing frost bite. Do not provide this data to

players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of numbness at the affected areas.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness: Respirations:	Conscious/ Alert As Read	Conscious/ Alert As Read	Conscious/ Alert As Read	Conscious/ Alert As Read
Pulse:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Skin:	Affected areas white and waxy			
Pupils:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Blood Pressure:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read

Note:

As affected areas are warmed, numbness will slowly give way to sharp pain.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD CARDIAC

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient complaining of substernal chest pain radiating to left

arm. Do not provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demon-

strated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of substernal chest pain radiating to left arm. Also complaining of mild dyspnea. No prior history of cardiac or other medical problems.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert	Conscious/alert
Respirations:	18/clear/equal	18/clear/equal	18/clear/equal	18/clear/equal
Pulse:	94	96	92	84
Skin:	Mild diaphoresis	Mild diaphoresis	Mild diaphoresis	Mild diaphoresis
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read

Note

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

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THIS IS A DRILL



MODERATE CARDIAC

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has suffered a moderate heart attack. Do not pro-

vide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of a sudden onset of severe substernal chest pain radiating down the left arm and neck. Pain is not relieved by nitro spray. Patient is also complaining of dyspnea. Patient has history of heart problems, having undergone bypass surgery two years ago.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert
Respirations	18/clear/equal	20/clear/equal	16/clear/equal	16/clear/equal
Pulse:	48	46	*68	*68
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	96/60	94/62	110/74	130/80

Note:

ECG Monitor - Sinus Bradycardia. * The +20-minute and +30-minute vital signs should only be given is appropriate care has been rendered. If not, repeat +10 vital signs.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE CARDIAC

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has suffered a severe heart attack. Do not provide

this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient complains of severe chest pain and collapses. History of cardiac problems.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	No response	No response	No response	No response
Respirations:	0	0	0	0
Pulse:	0	0	0	0
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic
Pupils:	Dilated/ No response	e Dilated/No response	Dilated/ No response	Dilated/ No response
Blood Pressure:	0	0	0	0

Note:

ECG Monitor - Ventricular fibrillation until defibrillated then asystole.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD RESPIRATORY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who is experiencing mild respiratory problems (which

may be caused by smoke inhalation from a burning vehicle). Do not provide this data

to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient complains of mild shortness of breath. Patient has a history of asthma. Patient usually carries a Proventil inhaler, but is currently out of medication.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert
Respirations:	*22	*20	**16	**14
Pulse:	110	112	**88	**84
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	138/92	136/90	130/88	130/86

Note:

ECG Monitor - Sinus tachycardia corresponds to pulse.

Pulse Oximeter 92%.

- * Mild experatory wheezing on auscultation.
- ** Use this data only if appropriate care has been given. Otherwise, continue using +10 data.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MODERATE RESPIRATORY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who is experiencing moderate respiratory problems

(which may be caused by smoke inhalation from burning vehicle). Do not provide

this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient complains of shortness of breath. Patient has a history of COPD. Sternal retraction noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert
Respirations: Pulse:	*24 labored 108	*26 labored 110	**20 labored **104	**18 labored **96
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	**Improving	**Improving
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	156/92	158/94	154/88	150/88

Note

ECG Monitor - Sinus tachycardia corresponding to pulse.

Pulse Oximeter 90%.

- * Experatory wheezing on auscultation with rhonchi noted bilaterally.
- ** Use this data only if appropriate care has been given. Otherwise, continue using +10 data.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE RESPIRATORY

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with severe respiratory problems (which could be caused

by smoke inhalation from burning vehicle). Do not provide this data to players unless

the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is unresponsive.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Unresponsive	Unresponsive	* Responds to painful stimuli	*Responds to verbal stimuli
Respirations:	0	0	*8	*10
Pulse:	118	130	*120	*112
Skin:	Cyanotic/	Cyanotic/ diaphoretic	*Improving	*Improving diaphoretic
Pupils:	Sluggish midpoint	Sluggish midpoint	*PERL	*PERL
Blood Pressure:	146/94	138/90	136/88	140/88

Notes:

If artificial respiration is not begun by +10, patient will be in cardiac arrest. ECG Monitor - Sinus tachycardia corresponding to pulse. Pulse Oximeter 90%.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



^{*} Use this data only if appropriate care has been given. Otherwise, continue using +10 data.



MILD STROKE

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has experienced a mild stroke. Do not provide this

data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient's speech is slurred and you notice his/her face is drooping on the left side. Patient is complaining of a headache. Patient has a history of hypertension and is on medication for same.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert	Alert	Alert	Alert
Respirations:	18	18	18	18
Pulse:	64	64	64	64
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	210/130	208/130	212/130	206/130

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Unequal grip strength.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.





MODERATE STROKE

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has experienced a moderate stroke. Do not provide

this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is found slumped over. Patient responds inappropriately to verbal stimuli. No movement is noted on left side. Patient has a known history of hypertension.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Confused	Confused	Confused	Confused
Respirations:	16	16	16	16
Pulse:	68	68	68	68
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic
Pupils:	Unequal	Unequal	Unequal	Unequal
Blood Pressure:	240/160	240/160	240/160	240/160\

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Dextrose reading = 96. Pulse Oximeter = 98%.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE STROKE

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has experienced a severe stroke. Do not provide

this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is found unconscious and unresponsive

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Responds to painful stimuli			
Respirations:	8	8	8	8
Pulse:	58	58	58	58
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic
Pupils:	Unequal	Unequal	Unequal	Unequal
Blood Pressure:	220/180	220/180	220/180	220/180

Notes:

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ECG}}$ Monitor - sinus brady cardia corresponds to pulse.

Dextrose reading = 110. Pulse Oximeter = 92%.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD DIABETES

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has mild problems related to diabetes. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is behaving strangely, and is not responding appropriately to verbal stimuli. Patient has a history of Type 1 diabetes.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Confused	Confused	*Alert	*Alert
Respirations:	18	20	*16	*14
Pulse:	110	112	*96	*88
Skin:	Diaphoretic	Diaphoretic	*Normal	*Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	140/88	144/88	138/86	136/84

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Dextrose reading = 40.

Pulse Oximeter = 98%.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



^{*} Use this data only if appropriate care has been given. Otherwise, continue using +10 data.



MODERATE DIABETES

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has moderate problems related to diabetes. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient does not respond to verbal stimuli. Patient's skin is cool and extremely clammy. Patient has a history of diabetes.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Responds to painful stimuli	Responds to painful stimuli	*Responds to verbal stimuli	*Alert
Respirations:	20	22	*18	*16
Pulse:	114	122	*108	*98
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	*improving	*improving
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	128/86	122/84	130/86	134/88

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Dextrose reading = 30. Pulse Oximeter = 98%.

* Use this data only if appropriate care has been given. Otherwise, continue using +10 data.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE DIABETES

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has severe problems related to diabetes. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is found on the ground. Patient does not respond to verbal or painful stimuli, and his/her skin is cool and extremely clammy. Patient has a history of diabetes.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	No response	No response	* Responds to verbal	* Alert
Respirations:	20	22	*18	*16
Pulse:	144	148	*108	*98
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	*improving	*improving
Pupils:	Equal/sluggish	Equal/sluggish	PERLA	PERLA
Blood Pressure:	108/72	102/70	130/86	134/88

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Dextrose reading = 10.

Pulse Oximeter = 98%.

* Use this data only if appropriate care has been given. Otherwise, continue using +10 data.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD SEIZURES

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has experienced a mild seizure. Do not provide this

data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient found on ground. Patient is confused and disoriented. Patient is taking Dilantin medication.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Confused	Confused	Alert	Alert
Respirations:	24	20	16	12
Pulse:	132	124	94	86
Skin:	Warm/moist	Warm/moist	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	Sluggish	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	156/98	148/90	136/88	130/84

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Dextrose reading = 90. Pulse Oximeter = 98%.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MODERATE SEIZURES

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has experienced a moderate seizure. Do not pro-

vide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Bystander observes patient in seizure-like activity. Patient has a history of seizures.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Postictal	Confused	Alert	Alert
Respirations:	28	22	18	14
Pulse:	148	122	108	92
Skin:	Warm/moist	Warm/moist	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	Equal/sluggish	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	156/90	142/86	134/82	134/82

Notes:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse. Dextrose reading = 90. Pulse Oximeter = 98%.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL



DEAD ON ARRIVAL

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who is found dead at the scene of a vehicle crash. Do

not provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is motionless with obvious massive chest trauma noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Unresponsive	Unresponsive	Unresponsive	Unresponsive
Respirations:	0	0	0	0
Pulse:	0	0	0	0
Skin:	Pale/cold	Pale/cold	Pale/cold	Pale/cold
Pupils:	Fixed/dilated	Fixed/dilated	Fixed/dilated	Fixed/dilated
Blood Pressure:	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

Expected Action:

Call coroner.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD ARM FRACTURE / MILD HEAD INJURY (PEDIATRIC)

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with a fractured arm and a mild head injury. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient complains of point tenderness with edema present at pain location on his left arm. Movement of the extremity is present. Distal pulses and sensation are present.

Patient also suffered a mild blow to the head. Small hematoma noted at impact site, with no deformity or loss of consciousness.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented
Respirations:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Pulse:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	As Read	As Read	As Read	As Read

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





ARM/LEG AMPUTATION (PERIATRIC)

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with an amputation of either an arm or leg. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Amputation is jagged and bleeding is profuse and uncontrolled. Upon EMS arrival patient is lying down and his/her responses are sluggish.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10 - End*	+10 - End**
Level of Consciousness:	Sluggish	Sluggish	Unresponsive
Respirations:	24 Clear/equal	22 Clear/equal	0
Pulse:	156	120	0
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	Fixed/dilated
Blood Pressure:	80/60	80/60	0/0

NOTES:

- If treated by +10 minutes, use these vital signs. Advanced Life Support Protocol should be followed (i.e., bleeding control, IV, oxygen, and mast trousers used).
- ** If untreated by +10 minutes, use these vital signs. Patient dies.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





MILD CHEST INJURY (PEDIATRIC)

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who was struck in the chest with a blunt object. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient is complaining of pain on inspiration. Breath sounds are clear and equal bilaterally. No deformity noted to chest wall. Ecchymosis noted at impact area.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented	Alert/Oriented
Respirations:	28 shallow	28 shallow	20 shallow	20 shallow
Pulse:	140	144	144	140
Skin:	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	122/78	120/78	116/76	110/70

Note:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse rate.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SEVERE HEAD INJURY (PEDIATRIC)

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient who has suffered a severe blow to the head. Do not

provide this data to players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Deformity noted at impact site. Decorticate posturing noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+()	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	No response	No response	No response	No response
Respirations:	Cheyne-Stokes	Cheyne-Stokes	Cheyne-Stokes	Cheyne-Stokes
Pulse:	148	136	136	138
Skin:	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic	Pale/diaphoretic
Pupils:	unequal/left dilated	unequal/left dilated	unequal/left dilated	unequal/left dilated
Blood Pressure:	128/70	128/70	118/68	118/66

Note:

ECG Monitor corresponds to pulse.

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL





SECOND DEGREE BURNS (PEDIATRIC)

MM#:

TO: First Responders/EMS

FROM: EMS Observer

NOTE: This data applies to a patient with a second degree burns. Do not provide this data to

players unless the means to obtain it are demonstrated.

THIS IS A DRILL

DO NOT initiate actions affecting safe operations

Message:

Patient has second degree burns bilaterally on the upper extremities. Burned places are red and blistered. There are no complaints of respiratory distress, and no singeing of the nares noted.

Minutes after EMS arrival:	+0	+10	+20	+30
Level of Consciousness:	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert	Conscious/Alert
Respirations:	24/clear & equal bilaterally	24/clear & equal bilaterally	24/clear & equal bilaterally	24/clear & equal bilaterally
Pulse:	140	140	136	136
Skin:	Burns red/blistered; unburned skin is normal			
Pupils:	PERL	PERL	PERL	PERL
Blood Pressure:	110/70	108/70	108/70	108/70

Expected Action:

Follow local protocols or standing orders.

THIS IS A DRILL

